

2005
BRITISH INTERNATIONAL 420 CLASS WINTER OPEN REGATTA

Carsington Sailing Club

19 & 20 February 2005

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

1.1 The racing will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board, located in the clubhouse.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board at least one hour before the advertised warning signal of the race or races concerned, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 18:00 hours on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagstaff at the west corner of the clubhouse front patio area.

4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in Race Signal AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 Racing is scheduled as follows:

Date	Time of warning signal of first race	Number of Races
Saturday 19 February	11:55	3
Sunday 20 February	09:55	4

5.2 Subsequent races on each day will start as soon as possible after the finish of the previous race.

5.3 It is intended that no warning signal will be made after 14:25 on Sunday 20 February, but this may be altered at the discretion of the race committee.

6 CLASS FLAG

6.1 The class flag will be the International 420 Class Flag.

7 RACING AREA

7.1 The racing area will be Carsington Water.

7.2 Prohibited areas:

- (a) The Course area shall be all of the Sailing area of the reservoir, except for the OUT OF BOUNDS areas that are marked by orange / white buoys (See Attachment B).
- (b) The OUT OF BOUNDS areas are at the Northern, Eastern (Diving Area) and Southern (adjacent to the tower) ends of the lake. Sailing in these areas is prohibited at all times.
- (c) Extra care is required in areas shared with Carsington Sports Centre. Craft from the Centre may be crewed by persons with no knowledge of collision and avoidance rules. Boats shall keep clear of these craft at all times. These craft shall be designated an "obstruction" as defined in RRS definitions.
- (d) Flag A displayed on the orange buoys marking the diving area indicates that divers are active. Boats shall keep clear.

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 The diagrams in Attachment A show the courses, including the course signals, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat may display the approximate compass bearing to mark 1.
- 8.3 Marks 3 and 4 are shown as gates, (3S-3P) and (4S-4P), which the race committee may replace by single marks 3 and/or 4. If a single mark 3 or 4 is used, it is to be left to port. When there is a gate, boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark.

9 MARKS

- 9.1 Marks 1, 2, 3S, 3P, 4S, and 4P will be orange inflatable buoys.
- 9.2 Starting marks will be a race committee boat and an orange dan-buoy with a red flag.
- 9.3 Finishing marks will be a race committee boat and an orange dan-buoy.

10 THE START

- 10.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26.
- 10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat and the starting line outer distance mark.
- 10.3 If flag F is displayed on the race committee boat with one sound signal, it will be removed after four minutes with one sound signal, followed one minute later by the warning signal for the next race.
- 10.4 A boat starting later than 3 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes RRS A4.1.
- 10.5 If any part of a boat's hull, crew, or equipment is on the course side of the starting line during the two minutes before her starting signal, the race committee will display flag V. It will be displayed until all boats have sailed completely to the pre-start side, but not after the starting signal.
- 10.6 A race committee boat positioned near any rounding mark may notify a boat of disqualification by displaying her sail number on a board, and a flag, as follows:
 - (a) Flag X to notify premature starters in a race.
 - (b) A black flag to notify boats that have been disqualified in accordance with RRS 30.3.
 - (c) The notified boat shall immediately leave the course area. If she fails to do so she will be disqualified without a hearing and her score will not be excluded. This changes RRS A5. If further races are scheduled for that day, disqualified boats may stand by outside the course area for the next race.

11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.

12 THE FINISH

- 12.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat and the finishing line outer distance mark.
- 12.2 After the first boat has finished, the race committee may set alternative finishing lines as follows:
 - (a) When a committee boat displays flag W with two sound signals, boats which have not yet rounded the nearby mark shall finish between this mark and the staff on the boat displaying W.
 - (b) When a boat finishes in accordance with this SI, she shall be awarded a finishing place after all boats that have completed more legs of the course and then finished.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under RRS 31.2 or 44.1 shall acknowledge this in writing within the protest time limit. Acknowledgement sheets are available from and should be returned to the race office.

14 TIME LIMIT

- 14.1 The time limit is 60 minutes.

- 14.2 The mark 1 time limit is 30 minutes. If no boat has passed mark 1 within the mark 1 time limit the race will be abandoned.
- 14.3 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35 and A4.

15 PROTESTS & REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1 Protests forms are available at the race office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 15.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.
- 15.3 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 15.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 15.5 Breaches of SIs 7.2, 13.1, 17, 18.2, and 20 will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.
- 15.6 On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:
- (a) Within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day.
 - (b) No later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day.
- This changes RRS 66.

16 SCORING

- 16.1 2 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.2 Each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, except that if 4 or more races are completed there will be 1 discard.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1 All competitors shall wear life jackets or other adequate personal buoyancy at all times while afloat. Wet suits and dry suits are not adequate personal buoyancy. Flag Y will not be displayed. This changes RRS 40.1 and Race Signal Y.
- 17.2 All Competitors shall wear a wet suit or a dry suit at all times while afloat.
- 17.3 Boats failing to follow the instructions of safety boats will be reported to the protest committee, which may protest the boat. Boats penalised under this SI may be scored DNE. This amends RRS 64.1(a).

18 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 18.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.
- 18.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made at the first reasonable opportunity.

19 EQUIPMENT & MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 19.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat may be instructed by a race committee measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

20 RUBBISH DISPOSAL

- 20.1 Boats shall not throw rubbish into the water. Rubbish may be deposited on official boats.

21 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 21.1 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction includes cellular telephones.

22 PRIZES

22.1 Prizes are detailed in the Notice of Race.

23 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

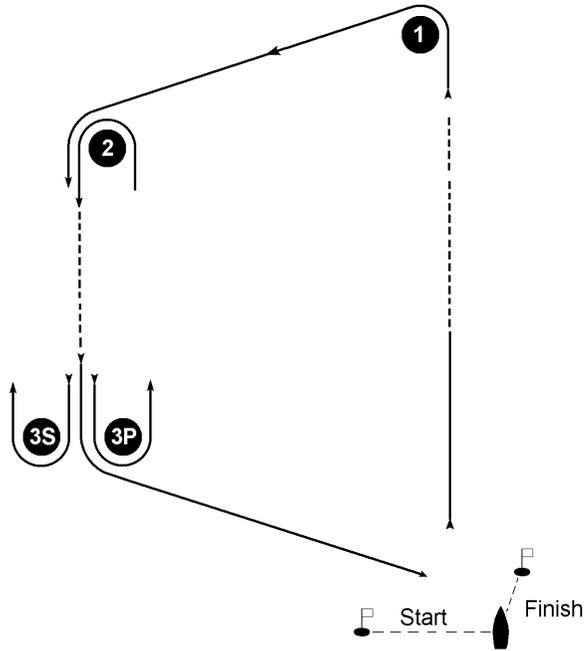
23.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

24 INSURANCE

24.1 Boats are required to be adequately insured including insurance against third party claims of at least £2m or the equivalent in other currencies.

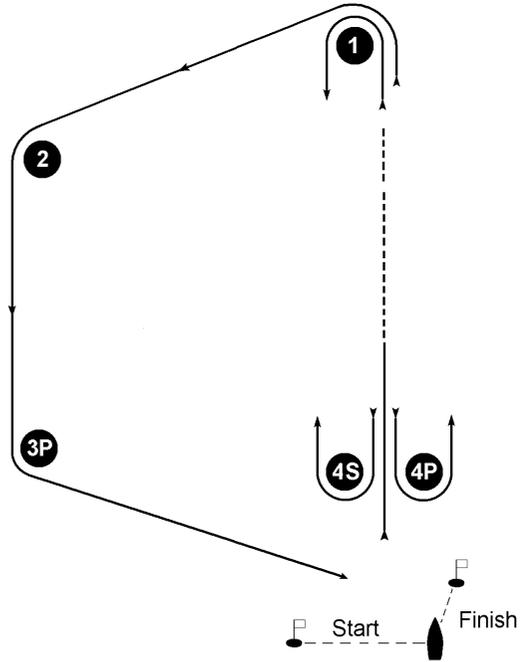
**Attachment A
COURSE DIAGRAMS**

TRAPEZOID OUTER



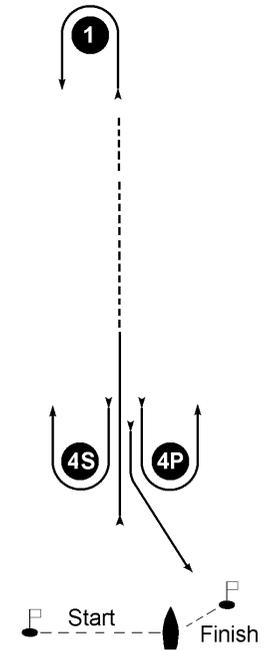
Signal	Mark rounding order
Pennant 1	Start, 1, 2, 3S/P, 2, 3P, Finish
Pennant 4	Start, 1, 2, 3S/P, 2, 3S/P, 2, 3P, Finish

TRAPEZOID INNER



Signal	Mark rounding order
Pennant 2	Start, 1, 4S/P, 1, 2, 3P, Finish
Pennant 5	Start, 1, 4S/P, 1, 4S/P, 1, 2, 3P, Finish

WINDWARD - LEEWARD



Signal	Mark rounding order
Pennant 3	Start, 1, 4S/P, 1, 4S/P, 1, 4P, Finish

**Attachment B
PROHIBITED AREAS**

